

**What is claimed is:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cleat comprising:  
a leg;  
a pair of projections extending from the leg; and  
~~at least one of a full~~ hand grip aperture formed in the leg; and  
means for adjustably mounting the cleat on a support[.], the mounting means including a strap and a slot formed in the cleat for receiving the strap.

2. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 1 wherein the mounting means comprises:  
the full handgrip aperture formed in the leg [disclosed]~~disposed~~  
adjacent to a horn portion, with the pair of projections extending from the horn portion.

3. (Original) The cleat of claim 2 wherein:  
the horn portion has a generally convex outer surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 3 wherein the mounting means comprises:  
~~a strap coupled to the cleat; and~~  
clasp means attached to the strap to enable the strap to be tightened about a support.

Please cancel claim 5.

6. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 wherein:  
outer side edges of the leg have an arcuate shape.

7. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 wherein:

the aperture in the leg has a surface with the length to receive four fingers of a human hand.

8. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 1 wherein the mounting means further comprises:  
~~a strap coupled to the cleat; and~~  
clasp means attached to the strap to enable the strap to be tightened about a support.

Please cancel claim 9.

10. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 further comprising:  
a base, the leg extending from the base.

11. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 10 wherein:  
~~an~~ the hand grip aperture is formed in at least one of the leg and the base for receiving a the strap.

12. (Original) The cleat of claim 10 wherein:  
the base and the leg are monolithic.

13. (Currently Amended) A cleat comprising:  
a leg;  
a pair of projections extending from the leg; ~~and~~  
hand grip means formed on the cleat for forming a hand grip surface capable of receiving a full human hand[.] the handgrip means being an aperture in the leg having a surface with the length to receive four fingers of a human hand; and an outer surface of the leg having a substantially convex surface shape.

Please cancel claim 14.

Please cancel claim 15.

16. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:  
a pair of projections extending from the leg.

17. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:  
side edges of the leg having an arcuate shape.

18. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:  
a strap attachable to the cleat; and  
clamp means, carried on the strap, for tightly wrapping the strap about  
a support.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Th~~The cleat of claim 13 further  
comprising:  
a base, the leg extending from the base.

20. (Original) The cleat of claim 19 wherein:  
the base and the leg are monolithic.